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LOOPS, IN PARTICULAR A TEXTILE WEB

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Most of the enclosed references were cited in an International Search Report corresponding to the present application. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed. European Patent Nos. EP 0 062 753 A1 and EP 0 778 236 A1 are discussed in the specification of the present application.

The present invention defines a system for packaging a flexible web that is layered in zigzag loops, in particular a textile web which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

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